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CONVERSATION WITH JIM GORDON - June 11, 1984

K: You mentioned once that you knew Red Skelton. How did you meet him.

J: I met him through my uncle who has property in Palm Springs, California. He has property out there too. And I met him one time while I was out there. I talked with him and told him a few things. Not anything psychic or spiritual or anything - just talking and I had always admired him greatly as a kid and then during the time that I had cancer, I looked back on different periods in my life and I could remember watching his show on t.v. as a kid. And it gave me sometimes a sense of happiness thinking about things like that. So it helped me get past some rough points. I had talked to him about why he didn't have a show on t.v. anymore. And he said he was in the process of putting something together. Eventually it became a thing for HBO. This was years and years ago.

K: And he gave you a painting?

J: He gave me a lithograph of the Christmas Clown. I was real pleased.

K: Let me ask you another couple. Do you know Shirley McLaine?

J: No, I don't. No, I've never met her or anything.

K: At one point you said that she had been going through a lot for a very long time.

J: Well, there's just sometimes on the inner planes where you're aware

of certain people that are in distress. When they call out for help or something - or for one reason or another, I don't know why exactly, you might tune into them and be able to help them for a moment in distress.

K: And that's happened to you with her?

J: Yes, a couple of times.

K: It may be in her book.
So Red Skelton is not really into any of this?

J: I really don't know. When I talked to him his son had died recently.
And he was going through a great deal of change there.

K: Have you ever tuned into Willie Nelson?

J: No, but his mother's room was down the hall from Dad's. The girl I'm having lunch with Wednesday is a very good friend of his. So maybe I will know him soon.

K: I'd love to know him too - tell him that there's somebody in Kzoo that would love to know him.